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SUBJECT: PESSIMISTIC BEIRUT EDITORIAL COMMENT ON MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

1. SUMMARY: LEADING BEIRUT DAILY AN NAHAR EDITORIALIZES THAT ARABS HAVE MADE NUMEROUS CONCESSIONS TO THE US, TO NO AVAIL. SIGNIFICANCE OF SECRETARY'S TOUR OF MIDDLE EAST IS THAT IT HAS DEMONSTRATED IMPOTENCE OF "THE AMERICAN GIANT" IN FACE OF ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE. END SUMMARY.

2. AN NAHAR SENIOR EDITOR MICHEL ABU JAWDEH HAS WRITTEN DEEPLY PESSIMISTIC COLUMN IN AN NAHAR AUGUST 11, DRAWING CONCLUSIONS FOR ARAB WORLD FROM APPARENT U.S. UNWILLINGNESS TO PRESSURE ISRAELIS ON QUESTIONS OF PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA AND A PALESTINIAN STATE. EXCERPTS:

"THE ARABS ARE WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES IS NEUTRAL. THEY HAVE TAKEN THE UNITED STATES SIDE AND HAVE
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NOT WON ANYTHING, BUT LOST EVERYTHING. (ARAB POLICY) HAS RESULTED IN THE FREEZING OF THE PRICE OF THEIR OIL AND INVESTMENTS OF THEIR ROYALTIES. THE UNITED STATES WAS ABLE TO SELL SECOND-RATE ARMS (TO THE ARABS) AND PERSUADE THE ARABS TO PLAY A POLICE ROLE AGAINST ONE ANOTHER.

"THE ARABS WILL RUN TO NEW YORK TO STAND AT THE AMERICAN

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DOOR. . . THEY WILL HEAR IN THE CORRIDORS WHISPERS WHAT THE
ONLY WAY TO RESPOND IS THROUGH AN UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN EGYPT
AND LIBYA, AND AN UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SYRIA AND IRAQ. . .

"THERE IS A FRENCH PROVERB: 'THERE ARE SERVICES WHICH REACH
SUCH A LIMIT THAT THEY CANNOT BE RECIPROCATED EXCEPT BY
INGRATITUDE.' THE UNITED STATES CANNOT RETURN THE SERVICES
OF THE ARAB RULERS WHO ADVOCATE POLITICAL SETTLEMENT EXCEPT BY
INGRATITUDES. . .

"THE AMERICAN GIANT HAS RETURNED TO THE ARABS AS A DWARF AS
A RESULT OF ISRAELI WORD AND DEED. WHEN THE UNITED STATES
IS NOT CAPABLE OF ANYTHING MORE THAN CRITICISM THROUGH ITS
MEDIA OF THE ISRAELI RULERS, AS IS NOW THE CASE, GOD HELP US.

"(THE ARABS) NOW HAVE ONLY RECOURSE TO THE INTERNATIONAL
COURT OF JUSTICE. IT IS THEIR ONLY REMAINING CARD, AFTER
THEY HAVE RELINQUISHED TO THE U.S. THE OTHER 99 CARDS."
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